

Frankfort-on-the-Main, Oct. 3, 1867.

Dear Wife:

On Sunday last, we all bade adieu to Lucerne, with its beautiful lake and sublime mountain scenery - the day previous ascending the Rigi, from the summit of which we had the most stupendous and extended view of the Alps, the chain extending for hundreds of miles, and every summit covered with snow. We passed the night there, witnessing a brilliant sunset, and the next morning a glorious sunrise, baptizing peak after peak with a flood of light. My feet were somewhat crippled by the effort, but I was compensated many times over.

From Lucerne we went to Zurich, where Harry sojourned so many weeks last year, and spent three or four hours in examining what was noteworthy in the place. It is delightfully situated, and presents many attractions; but it has been scourged by the cholera all summer, so that it is almost wholly avoided by travellers, and all its splendid hotels are empty. We arrived at ^{Shaffhausen} ~~Dornach~~ that evening; and the next morning spent some time in looking at the falls, the features of which were peculiarly fascinating. Monday evening we arrived at Constance, and saw many things to interest us, as it is a remarkably quaint old town, and noted as the place where John Huss and Jerome of Prague were burnt for their Protestant heresies. The lake is many miles in extent, and surpassed in size and beauty only by lake Lemman. Tuesday morning we separated from Harry and Frank, they going directly to Munich, and we to Stuttgart. As I was only seven or eight hours ride from Munich, (by railroad,) I was strongly inclined to visit it, but decided not to make the attempt for lack of ample

time. Harry and Fanny will probably remain only a few days there, and then will perhaps go to Paris. It is still problematical whether they will return to the United States the coming winter, or remain in Europe. Much will depend upon the answer of Mr. White, of the Chicago Tribune, to a letter sent to him by Harry. Perhaps that answer will be received before I leave England, so that I can bring you definite intelligence on the subject. Nothing deters Harry from returning but the high price of gentel living in the United States; and he prudently and properly wishes to see his way clear before taking leave of the continent. We expect to get a letter from him or Fanny to-morrow. They are both in very good health.

Tuesday evening Frank and I reached Stuttgart, and found it to be a large, populous, and in some parts very handsome city, with numerous fine residences, the most admirable railway station we had ever seen, and a royal palace, a large portion of which we interiorly examined the next morning, and were much impressed by its elegance, taste and grandeur. Wednesday we took the cars for Heidelberg, reaching there at 5 P.M. Early this morning, (Thursday,) we visited a famous ruined castle, of immense extent, and walked through the principal streets, nearly three miles ^{long}, ~~in~~ ^{and} seeing many handsome residences, but not meeting any Americans; and at noon left for this city, arriving at half past 2, P.M. We went immediately to the office of the American Consulate, and found letters from you and Mary-Ann, and a note from William, as late as September 17th, as well as several letters from friends in England. All these were eagerly devoured. Frank is now writing to you at the same table with me, as we have barely time to save the mail which leaves for the Liverpool steamer of Saturday to-morrow morning.

I desire you to give Mary-Ann my thanks for her comforting and most encouraging letter in regard to your condition, and the favorable symptoms attending it. I am sure she does not desire or mean to awaken any unwarranted expectations, and I have very great confidence in her judgment and knowledge. I am glad to hear that "Dr. Rush" speaks hopefully as to your restoration, and I trust in order to facilitate it you will not be faithless but believing, thus assisting with your will-power the efforts of Miss Houghton, who, it seems, is equally sanguine of final success. Any how, her treatment is undeniably helping your general health, and that is of very great importance. Persevere until I return at least, and resolve to make the most of it. Your hearty co-operation will be of great value.

It is gratifying to know that you have been kindly remembered by Dr. Putnam and Mrs. Simmons in the matter of fruit, and you will give them my thanks from this side of the Atlantic. It is equally pleasant to be informed as to the various friends who have called at Rockledge, as it is next to seeing them. They must have seemed to make the time go pleasantly with you, and I gratefully appreciate their loving attentions to you.

Your letter is written with Wendell, and Lucy, and noble baby Lloyd, and dear Mrs. McKim, and Ellie, and darling Agnes, and William, and George around you. The circle must be a happy one indeed. I am glad to know that you think Lloyd is a premature babe, (to say nothing about his resemblance to me, which, of course, is personally very gratifying,) and equally delighted to learn how charmingly Agnes is developing in mind and person.

We shall leave Frankfurt on Sunday for "Bingen on the Rhine," remain there a day or two, then for Coblenz, from thence to Cologne, thence to Brussels, thence to Ostend, and thence across the Channel to London, arriving there next week Friday. On Monday evening, 14th inst., I am to meet a select number of those most interested in the Freedmen's cause, (chiefly Quakers,) at the Friends' Institute; on Tuesday evening, 15th inst., I am to have a special reception by prominent friends of the Temperance cause; on Wednesday, 16th, I go down to Birmingham, and on Thursday morning, 17th, am to have a public breakfast, and to address a great Freedmen's meeting in the evening; on Friday, 18th, I shall see, with Frank, what is most interesting in the city; on Saturday, 19th, go to Leeds, to spend a quiet Sunday with my old anti-slavery friend, Joseph Lupton, Esq., and on Monday attend a tea party of prominent gentlemen and ladies at the principal hotel, and then go to another large Freedmen's meeting, in Victoria Hall, which I am to address, George Thompson promising to be there also. On Tuesday, 22d, I shall go to Manchester, to speak at an immense gathering in the Free Trade Hall; remain there on the 23d; proceed to Liverpool on the 24th; on the morning of the 25th, a public farewell breakfast will probably be given me in that city, but this is not yet quite certain; and on Saturday, the 26th, embark with Frank for Boston and Rockledge. You see, therefore, what a programme of labor and excitement I have to look in the face during the present month. I hope not to break down in health, and am at present feeling and looking very well.

With the most loving regards to you all, and affectionate remembrances to all the friends I remain,
Your own W. L. G.

It was a very pleasant coincidence, the anniversary of the marriage of Wendell and Lucy while they were with you at Rockledge.